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# RELEASES
# MAY '88

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**January 12—February 2**

## *FEATURING THIS MONTH...*

***ACTION COMICS #600—Last Monthly Issue***
***SUPERMAN: THE EARTH STEALERS—***
***One-Shot Prestige***
***WATCHMEN MONTH***
***THE PHANTOM—4-Issue Mini***
***THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER—4-Issue Mini***
***CINDER AND ASHE—4-Issue Mini***
***WRATH OF THE SPECTRE—4-Issue Mini***

Happy Birthday, **SUPERMAN!**

Fifty years ago, the world first met **The Man of Steel** in the pages of **ACTION COMICS #1.** Now the year-long celebration of the world's greatest hero brings us full-circle, to the fabulous 600th Anniversary issue of ACTION COMICS *plus* the one-shot Prestige Format special edition, **SUPERMAN: THE EARTH STEALERS.**

The special 80-page ACTION COMICS #600 leads off with a 32-page story, bringing to its conclusion the four-part Superman/Wonder Woman storyline that will run throughout the pages of this month's WONDER WOMAN and SUPERMAN titles. Darkseid and his minions invade Mount Olympus, and only the most powerful couple on Earth stands a chance at stopping them. Written and pencilled by John Byrne and inked by George Pérez.

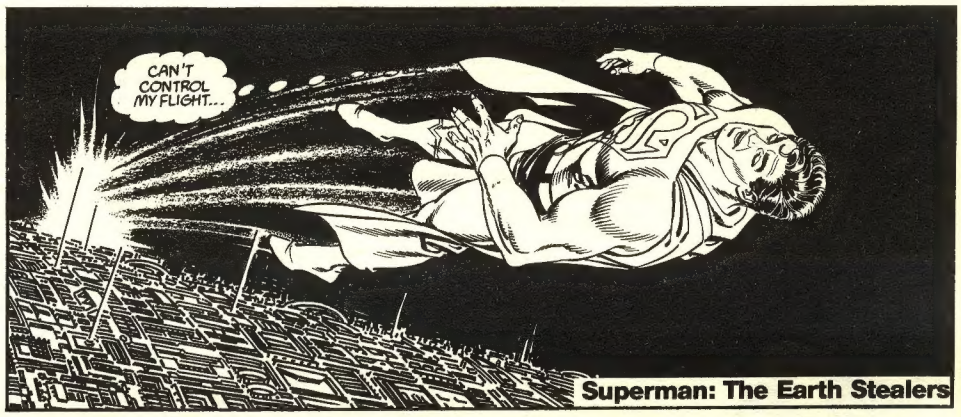
Also in this special Golden Anniversary issue are several SUPERMAN pin-up pages and four eight-page tales scripted by Byrne and Roger Stern and featuring art by Dick Giordano, Mike Mignola, Curt Swan, and others.

It's an issue of ACTION COMICS you won't want to miss, because not only is it in celebration of fifty years of comic book history ... but it's also the last *monthly* issue of the comic book title that helped start it all! Beginning with the next ACTION COMICS, the title will be appearing *every week* in a new format, containing several continuing, rotating features, starring some of DC's greatest heroes. We'll have complete details for you next month.

But to keep you entertained until then, we have **SUPERMAN: THE EARTH STEALERS.** It's The Man of Steel's first Prestige Format book, and it unites three great SUPERMAN artists in one special story. Written by John Byrne, pencilled by Curt Swan, and inked by Jerry Ordway, THE EARTH STEALERS chronicles the coming of the other-dimensional alien Earth Stealers who shift the Earth into their dimension ... and begin to devour the planet. If ever there was a job for Superman, it's *this* one.

### ACTION COMICS #600... SUPERMAN: THE EARTH STEALERS
### THE SUPERMAN CELEBRATION CONTINUES

THE GODS...?
WELL, IT'S TRUE, I SUPPOSE, THAT I'VE ACCEPTED MANY OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GODHOOD...
BUT WITH PRECIOUS FEW OF THE PERKS, I'M AFRAID.
YOU... UNDERRATE YOURSELF, SURELY...?
**Action Comics #600**



**Superman: The Earth Stealers**

Don't forget the rest of the monthly SUPERMAN titles, because this month, all stories lead to ACTION COMICS #600 and the Golden Anniversary of SUPERMAN.

# May Listings

## Shipping January 12

**Checkmate #2**—A wave of terrorist bombings has Chicago under siege ... but the Knights of Checkmate discover that the ultra-right wing group behind the blasts are merely using the Windy City as a diversion! Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Steve Erwin and Al Vey, and cover by Gil Kane. *New Format.*

**Cinder and Ashe #1** *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—Meet Cinder and Ashe. They call themselves "damage control experts," but there's a lot more to what they do than any title can convey! They'll solve your problems ... for a price. *If* they like you...! Written by Gerry Conway, with art and cover by José Luis Garcia-Lopez. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

**Firestorm the Nuclear Man #71**—Time is running out for Firestorm as he struggles to fight his way out of the time stream! Written by John Ostrander, with art by J.J. Birch and Sam De La Rosa. Cover by Birch.

**Flash #12**—Flash has some serious competition as the Velocijunkies hit town! They thrive on speed, as in velocity, and they're out to see just how fast fast is! Written by Mike Baron, with art by Mike Collins and Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by Mahlstedt. *Plus:* FLASH plays host to this month's Bonus Book #2 by the next wave of talent! The original Dr. Light relates his absolutely true autobiography, as told to writer George Broderick Jr. and artists Gordon Purcell and Tim Dzon.

**Justice League International #13**—After a confrontation with the Suicide Squad, the Batman decides the JLI is going to bring down the Squad ... any way they can! The battle begins here and continues later this month in SUICIDE SQUAD #13! Written by Keith Giffen and J.M. DeMatteis, with art by Giffen and Al Gordon. Cover by Steve Leialoha and Gordon.

**Outcasts #8** *(of a 12-issue maxi-series)*—Though dying, Kaine Salinger is determined to make good on her promise to Yancy Queeg ... by killing him! Written by John Wagner and Alan Grant, with art by Cam Kennedy and Steve Montano. Cover by Kennedy. *Deluxe Format.*

**Tales of the Teen Titans #89**—The Titans are going to need all the help they can get to turn the tide of battle against Brother Blood ... but are even Superman, Batman, the Green Lantern Corps, and Infinity, Inc. enough? Story by Marv Wolfman and Paul Levitz, with art by Eduardo Barreto and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Rob Liefeld and George Perez. *(Originally presented in THE NEW TEEN TITANS #29.)*

**The Watchmen Button**—Back by popular demand ... the blood-splattered Watchmen Smiley-face button! Wear it with pride during our celebration of WATCHMEN MONTH!

**The Watchmen Portfolio**—Featuring 24 full-processed color plates, this is *the* Watchmen item of the year! Included are the six covers to the WATCHMEN French edition, six promotional posters (including two never-before-published pieces!), and the original 12 covers, all by WATCHMEN artists Dave Gibbons and colorist John Higgins, and all packed in a handsome slipcase.

**Wonder Woman #16**—Beginning a 4-part Wonder Woman/Superman crossover sub-plot that continues all this month. Even as Diana battles the new Silver Swan over Boston, events are falling into place that will lead to her first meeting with Superman. Story by George Pérez and Len Wein, with art by Pérez and Bob Smith. Cover by Pérez.

**World of Smallville #2** *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—The untold tale of young Clark Kent's life in Smallville continues as Ma Kent relates the death of her husband in "Stolen Moments." Written by John Byrne, with art by Kurt Schaffenberger and Alfredo Alcala. Cover by Byrne and Alcala.

Wonder Woman #16

## Shipping January 19

**The Batman #419**—Someone is directing the KGBeast to his ten victims! Will the Batman uncover the traitor before it's too late? Part 3 of 4 in "Night of the Beast." Written by Jim Starlin, art by Jim Aparo and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Mike Zeck.

**Blue Beetle #24**—It's the last issue of BLUE BEETLE ... and things have never looked worse for the Beetle as he begins what may well be his final mission! Written by Len Wein, with art by Don Heck and Danny Bulanadi. Cover by Chris Wozniak.

**The Forever People #4** *(of a 6-issue mini-series)*—The evil influence of The Dark spreads as Mark Moonrider falls under its powerful sway. Also, Donny's pivotal destiny is revealed! Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art and cover by Paris Cullins and Karl Kesel. *New Format.*

**Green Arrow #4**—Amidst the beauty of the Caribbean, Green Arrow finds himself the only one standing between the Russians and a laboratory experiment that threatens all of humanity. Written by Mike Grell, with art by Ed Hannigan and Dick Giordano. Cover by Grell. *Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format.*

**Hellblazer #5**—A lost platoon from the Vietnam war finally return home, but they've brought the war with them. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by John Ridgway. Cover painted by Dave McKean. *Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format.*

**The Legion of Super-Heroes #46**—A secret conspiracy is formed within the Legion! What is their mysterious motive? Part 1 of 5, to culminate in a special 50th issue of the LEGION! Written by Paul Levitz, with art by Greg LaRocque, Pat Broderick, and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Ken Steacy. *Deluxe Format.*

**Martian Manhunter #1** *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—In his own series at last, the JLI's leader explores his mysterious past, from his beginning on Mars to today. Guest-starring The Batman. Story by J.M. DeMatteis, with art and cover by Mark Badger. *New Format.*

**Secret Origins #26**—The Outsiders have disbanded. Now Black Lightning has to think about his future, and that leads to an examination of his past, as retold by Tony Isabella and Greg Brooks. Also, from the Golden Age of comics, the secret origin of Miss America, written by Roy and Dann Thomas, with art by Grant Miehm. Cover by Kevin Nowlan.

**Silverblade #9** *(of a 12-issue maxi-series)*—Everything you know about Jonathan Lord and his friends is wrong! What *is* the truth? The answers begin here! Written by Cary Bates, with art and cover by Gene Colan and Steve Mitchell. *New Format.*

**Star Trek #50**—It's desperate times when the crew of the *Enterprise* allies itself with the Klingons to battle the Renegade and avert an interstellar conflict. This special 48-page 50th issue celebration is by Peter David, with art by Tom Sutton and Ricardo Villagran. Cover painted by Mitch O'Connell.

**Superman #17**—The origin of the Silver Banshee, the most dangerous woman in Superman's life ... and the continuation of the 4-part Superman/Wonder Woman crossover. Story and art by John Byrne, with inks by Karl Kesel. Cover by Byrne.

**Superman: The Earth Stealers**—A special one-shot, 48-page Prestige Format book featuring the Man of Steel and uniting three great Superman artists! The Earth is shifted into another dimension by the alien Earth Stealers ... who begin to devour the planet! Written by John Byrne, with art by Curt Swan and Jerry Ordway. Cover painted by Ordway. *Prestige Format.*

**Watchmen Trade Pap**
**Edition**—Still available ..
issue WATCHMEN maxi-se
and Dave Gibbons in one
volume! If you're not sure
MONTH is all about, *this*
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**Young All-Stars #12**
"Iron" Munro's origin, the
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Dann Thomas, with art by
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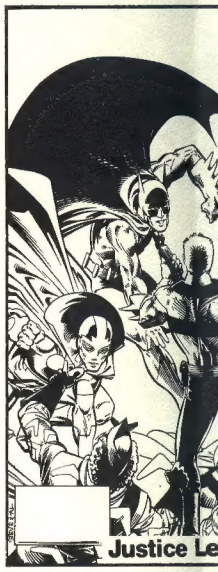

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**The Doom Patrol #8**
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and Art Adams.

**Green Lantern Corps**
The Sinestro saga takes a
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## January 26

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Martin. Cover by Larsen

**orps #224**—Last issue!
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ner. Cover by Kane.

**Infinity, Inc. #50**—There's another world only a heartbeat away from our own ... Grimmworld, and even The Sandman may not be able to save the Infinitors from the wrath of one of their bitterest foes in this special 43-page 50th anniversary story. Written by Roy and Dann Thomas, with art by Vince Argondezzi and Mike Bair. Cover by Argondezzi and Malcolm Jones. *Deluxe Format.*

**The New Teen Titans #43**—With the rest of the Titans on vacation, Raven plans to spend her time indulging in a little rest and relaxation, but those plans are cut murderously short by Phobia! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Curt Swan and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by George Pérez. *Deluxe Format.*

**The Shadow #10**—It's enough to drive even the Shadow crazy as the Finns release the lunatics from the asylum and it's up to him and his agents to get them back inside. Written by Andrew Helfer, with art and painted cover by Kyle Baker. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

**Spiral Zone #4** *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—The science fiction adventures into the Spiral Zone conclude! Story by Michael Fleisher, with art by Carmine Infantino, Don Heck, and Dick Giordano.

**Swamp Thing #72**—The search continues for the successor to Swamp Thing, and the joys and horrors of creation are seen through the eyes of one potential candidate. Written and pencilled by Rick Veitch, with inks by Alfredo Alcala. Cover by Veitch and Tom Yeates. *Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format.*

**Warlord #129**—All of Skartaris has heard of the Warlord ... or have they? Beginning a 3-part tale chronicling Travis Morgan's discovery of an island civilization that has never touched the mainland. Written by Michael Fleisher, with art and cover by Jan Duursema.

**Watchmen Wristwatch**—Now you can watch the WATCHMEN ... the WATCHMEN Wristwatch that is. With a face featuring the series' famous bloodied Smiley face, this is a high quality, water resistant quartz watch that will always let you know it's time for the WATCHMEN!

**The Weird #2** *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—While the members of the JLI continue their search for the extraterrestrial menace known only as The Weird, the mysterious being's origin and purpose on Earth are revealed! Written by Jim Starlin, with art by Berni Wrightson and Dan Green. Cover by Wrightson.

**Who's Who in the Legion of Super-Heroes #2** *(of a 7-issue maxi-series)*—Featuring Part 2 of the illustrated history of the 30th Century's greatest heroes, plus features and background information on the Legionnaires from Dream Girl to Ferro Lad. Written by Barbara Randall, with art by Steve Lightle and others. Wraparound cover by Lightle.

**Wrath of the Spectre #1** *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—Beginning the re-presentation of the Spectre from the pages of ADVENTURE COMICS, the most controversial series of the 1970s! Featuring an all-new wrap-around cover by Jim Aparo and all-new behind the scenes interviews, the first three stories are written by Michael Fleisher and drawn by Aparo. *Deluxe Format.*

**Wrath of the Spectre #1**

## Shipping February 2

**Action Comics #600**—A fabulous 80-page Golden Anniversary issue, celebrating 50 years of Superman! First up, the 4-part Superman/Wonder Woman crossover concludes as Darkseid and his minions invade Mount Olympus, written and pencilled by John Byrne and inked by George Pérez. Also featured are several pages of Superman pin-ups and a quartet of short tales by artists Dick Giordano, Mike Mignola, Curt Swan, and many others! Cover by Byrne and Pérez.

**Captain Atom #15**—It's tough enough for Nathaniel Adam to adjust to civilian life ... the last thing he needs is to be caught in the middle of a conflict between Dr. Spectro and Major Force. Written by Cary Bates, with art by Pat Broderick and Bob Smith. Cover by Broderick.

**Detective Comics #586**—The rats are taking over Gotham! They're led by the Rat Catcher, who imprisons his victims in the sewers beneath the city ... and the Batman has to uncover his motives before Gotham succumbs to the invasion of vermin. Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art by Norm Breyfogle. Cover by Jerry Bingham.

**The Phantom #1** *(of a 4-issue mini-series)*—The Ghost Who Walks returns! Lee Falk's classic jungle avenger, the Phantom is drawn into a case involving the descendant of his own ancestor's greatest foe. Written by Peter David, with art by Joe Orlando and Dennis Janke. Cover by Orlando and Dave Gibbons. *New Format.*

**The Question #16**—There's a danger in being Hub City's only honest lawman ... you're the one the bad guys come gunning for! A case in point is the Question as he comes up against "Butch Cassidy" and "Sundance Kid," two outlaws intent on making Hub a modern day Hole-in-the-Wall. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Denys Cowan and Rick Magyar. Cover by Cowan and Bill Sienkiewicz. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

**Sonic Disruptors #6** *(of a 12-issue mini-series)*—The feds fight back! And the Karmanal of Zirt is caught in the middle of the battle! Written by Mike Baron, with art and cover by Barry Crain and John Nyberg. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

**The Spectre #14**—Part 3 of a 4-part tale as all three of the magical talismans are united ... and demons overrun Manhattan! Story by Doug Moench, with art by Gray Morrow. Cover by Charles Vess. *New Format.*

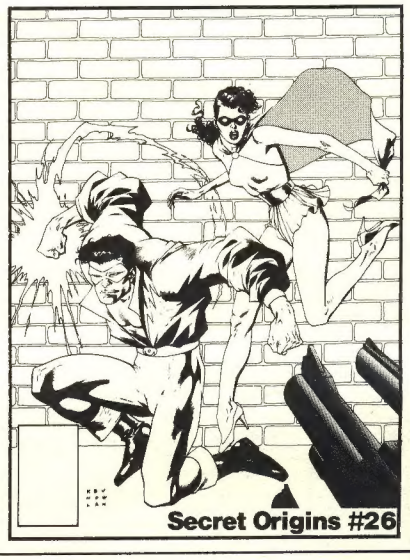
**Star Trek: The Next Generation #4** *(of a 6-issue mini-series)*—The crew of the *Enterprise* stands divided ... and becomes the arena for a battle between Picard and the alien Q. Written by Mike Carlin, with art and cover by Pablo Marcos and Carlos Garzon.

**Suicide Squad #13**—The Suicide Squad/JLI team-up continues, with the two super-teams battling it out behind the Iron Curtain while the fate of Nemesis hangs in the balance! Written by John Ostrander, with art by Luke McDonnell and Bob Lewis. Cover by Steve Leialoha and Al Gordon.

**Sword of the Atom Special #3**—Still ruling over the miniature world, the Atom unwittingly unleashes a plague of the dead on the city of the Skul-Riders! A 48-page tale by Jan Strnad, Pat Broderick, and Dennis Janke.

**Wasteland #6**—Nine out of ten doctors agree ... Wasteland can be hazardous to your sanity! Three more twisted tales from twisted imaginations. Stories by John Ostrander and Del Close, with art by David Lloyd, William Messner-Loebs, and George Freeman. Cover by Donald Simpson. *Suggested for Mature Readers. Deluxe Format.*

**Watchmen Hardcover Limited Edition**—WATCHMEN MONTH ends with a bang—a limited leather-bound edition of Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' classic maxi-series, featuring 48 new pages detailing the evolution of the WATCHMEN series. This edition is limited to 15,000 copies ... the ultimate edition of the most talked about maxi-series in comics!



**Secret Origins #26**

## WATCHMEN MONTH

Who watches the **WATCHMEN?**

*Everyone!*

This is **WATCHMEN MONTH,** when we bring you *six* products based on Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' WATCHMEN ... something for every week of the month—and more.

The first week brings the **WATCHMEN Portfolio** ... 24 full-color plates by WATCHMEN artist Dave Gibbons that have to be seen to be believed. Packed in a special slipcase, this triple portfolio features the six covers to the French edition of WATCHMEN (never before published in this country), six promotional posters, including two new illustrations that were previously unpublished, and the twelve covers to the original maxi-series. Also this week, we bring back the **WATCHMEN Smiley-face Pin,** making the first days of the WATCHMEN month celebration complete.

Week two features a pair of special items, starting with a new **WATCHMEN T-Shirt** from Graphitti Designs that allows you to wear your support for WATCHMEN for all the world to see. Also, just in case you missed it, here's your opportunity to read the complete WATCHMEN maxi-series in the single, 312-page **WATCHMEN Trade Paperback Edition,** containing every page (including the covers!) of the original series.

In the third week, we present the **WATCHMEN Watch,** a quality water resistant quartz watch featuring the bloodied Smiley-face. The WATCHMEN Watch makes a great gift for anyone captured by this ground-breaking series—or anyone you might want to introduce into the series.

Week four wraps up the celebration of WATCHMEN MONTH with *the* ultimate WATCHMEN book ... the **WATCHMEN Hardcover Limited Edition.** You'll want to be one of the 15,000 buyers of this limited edition hardcover, bound in genuine leather and reprinting the complete WATCHMEN saga. In addition, the WATCHMEN HARDCOVER features 48 brand-new pages that offer a behind the scenes look at the evolution of this classic series.

It's **WATCHMEN MONTH.**

Watch for it!

## MINI-SERIES ROUND-UP

What's new in mini-series from DC Comics?

This month marks the debut of *four* new four-issue mini-series.

Leading the pack is the DC debut of **THE PHANTOM,** the classic King Features jungle avenger created by Lee Falk, in a New Format mini-series. The Ghost Who Walks is a jungle legend, the twentieth PHANTOM in the line of adventurers stretching back to the 14th Century! Now, a descendant of the thirteenth PHANTOM'S bitterest enemy comes forward to plague THE PHANTOM in this jungle adventure written by Peter David, pencilled by Joe Orlando, and inked by Dennis Janke.

**THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER** is next in line for a mini-series ... his first series since his introduction in DETECTIVE COMICS in 1958. Written by J.M. DeMatteis and drawn by Mark Badger, this New Format mini-series delves into the mysterious background of J'Onn J'Onzz ... a look into the heart and soul of the Manhunter from Mars.

**CINDER AND ASHE** call themselves "damage control" experts, and you'll learn why in this gritty, explicit mini-series, which is "Suggested for Mature Readers." You'll also learn who they are and how they got together to become the deadliest team of "damage controllers" in the world, courtesy of writer Gerry Conway and artist José Luis Garcia-Lopez.

Last, though certainly not least, is the Deluxe Format **WRATH OF THE SPECTRE,** reprinting the classic and controversial SPECTRE tales by Michael Fleisher and Jim Aparo from the pages of ADVENTURE COMICS ... tales definitely *not* for the squeamish! And if that wasn't enough, the conclusion of this mini-series will feature never-before-published SPECTRE stories written by Fleisher for the original run of the series and now drawn for the first time by Aparo.

### Editor's Note

This is the final issue of **DC RELEASES.** For the past four years, we've been here every month to guide you through the world of DC Comics ... and next month, we begin to do it bigger and better than ever with the premiere of **DIRECT CURRENTS #1!**

Just like DC RELEASES, DIRECT CURRENTS will appear monthly and feature complete listings of what's coming from DC, as well as the feature stories and advanced looks at art from upcoming DC projects—and some looks back at covers from DC Comics' rich history. But there'll be even more ... more pages (eight!) ... more artwork ... more information ... more and different types of features ... and *color.*

Look for DIRECT CURRENTS #1 next month in the comics' shop where you've been getting DC RELEASES. We're looking forward to introducing you to this exciting new monthly magazine—DIRECT CURRENTS to keep *you* current!

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